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DATE:

February 6, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

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Manager, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

Casey's General Stores, Inc.-Peanut Recall

**SUGGESTED** 

**ACTION:** 

Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled products were shipped to Casey's General Stores in IA, NE, SD, MN, KS, MO, IL, WI and IN. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

# Casey's General Stores, Inc. Announces a Nationwide Voluntary Recall Because of Possible Health Risk

#### Contact:

Casey's General Stores, Inc. 515-965-6100

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -- Ankeny, Iowa (February 4, 2009) – Casey's General Stores, Inc. is voluntarily recalling the following items because it has the potential to contain salmonella:

#### Casey's Bridge Mix

6.5 oz Bags UPC 98437 12003

The only packages concerned have "Best Before" codes dates of 090909 and 093009. The code date is shown on the back of the bag above the UPC code.

### Casey's Peanut Clusters

7.0 oz Bags UPC 98437 12001

The only packages concerned have "Best Before" codes dates of 051609, 051709 and 051909. The code date is shown on the back of the bag above the UPC code.

## Casey's Salted Peanuts

5.0 oz Bags UPC 98437 21002

The only packages concerned have "Best Before" codes dates of 121108 and 011009. The code date is shown on the



back of the bag above the UPC code. This product is unlikely to be found on the store shelf as can be seen from the Best Before dates above, all this product is already older and out of code. Never the less, on the chance that there could be any product left over or at a home, it was felt that a notice and recall was the appropriate step to take.

### Casey's Santa Fe Trail Mix

6.5 oz Bags UPC 98437 21001

The only packages concerned have "Best Before" codes dates of 012309 and 020809. The code date is shown on the back of the bag above the UPC code.

#### Casey's Trail Mix

6.5 oz Bags UPC 98437-21000

The only packages concerned have "Best Before" codes dates of 020809. The code date is shown on the back of the bag above the UPC code.

These products were shipped to Casey's General Stores in IA, NE, SD, MN, KS, MO, IL, WI and IN.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at http://www.cdc.gov.

Casey's General Stores, Inc. initiated the voluntary recall because this product used peanuts sourced from Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). PCA's expanded recall now includes all peanuts and peanut-related products from PCA's Blakely, Georgia, plant from January 2007 to present. The FDA is investigating an outbreak of Salmonella targeted at PCA's Blakely plant.

Casey's General Stores, Inc. has not received any consumer illness complaints associated with its products. However, it is taking precautionary steps, including removing the impacted products from retail store shelves and the entire distribution system.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products should return them to the store where they were purchased for a full refund. Consumers with additional guestions may call 800-831-0828.

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